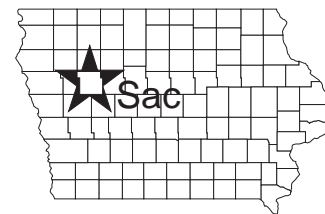


Employment and Earnings Data for Decision Makers

Sac County



Working Age Population

Sac County is a non-metropolitan county in west central Iowa. The working age population (ages 16 to 64) in Sac County declined 18.7 percent between 1980 and 1998. Statewide, the working age population decreased 0.5 percent over that period.

1. Total population and the working age population, Sac County, 1980-1998.

Year	Total Population	Population 16 to 64 Years of Age	Percent of Total	
			Sac County	State
1980	14,118	8,165	57.8	62.1
1990	12,324	6,661	54.0	61.4
1998	11,931	6,638	55.6	62.9

Labor Force

The labor force in an area consists of all persons aged 16 or older who either are currently employed or actively seeking work. The number employed reflects the number of labor force participants in the county who currently have jobs (whether or not it is the job of their choice). The employment rate is the percent of labor force participants who are employed.

2. Labor force and employment rates, Sac County, 1980-1998

Year	Labor force	Number employed	Employment Rate	
			Sac County	State
1980	6,390	6,083	95.2	94.2
1990	5,860	5,631	96.1	95.7
1998	5,950	5,760	96.8	97.2

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Employment and Earnings by Industry

The employment data in Tables 3 and 4 represent employment by place of work rather than place of residence. This means that the information is based on the jobs located within the county, whether or not county residents fill those jobs. As a result, county residents who commute to jobs outside their county of residence are not counted in these figures, but non-county residents who commute into the county for work are counted.

3. Percent of total employment by industry, 1980-1998

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Sac County	State	Sac County	State	Sac County	State
Farm	24.2	10.5	23.8	7.9	18.3	6.0
Construction	5.9	4.8	3.6	4.3	6.6	5.2
Manufacturing	9.8	16.2	4.6	14.7	5.1	14.1
Transportation	3.2	4.5	3.4	4.2	5.1	4.4
Wholesale Trade	8.2	5.4	7.0	5.0	6.5	4.8
Retail Trade	13.8	16.5	14.6	17.0	14.0	17.4
FIRE *	6.0	7.1	5.7	6.6	5.4	6.8
Service	17.2	19.8	21.1	24.5	23.2	26.8
Government	10.9	14.3	13.9	14.2	13.5	13.0
Other	0.7	0.9	2.3	1.4	2.3	1.5

4. Earnings of employed persons by industry, 1980-1998

Industry	1980		1990		1998	
	Sac County	State	Sac County	State	Sac County	State
Total earnings (\$000)	63,919	19,547,180	86,446	32,466,920	112,448	49,141,500
<i>Percent from</i>						
Farm	7.7	3.2	29.1	6.2	12.8	3.4
Construction	8.9	6.6	3.8	5.3	7.2	6.3
Manufacturing	14.8	27.5	5.3	22.9	8.2	21.1
Transportation	6.6	7.2	5.1	6.2	7.8	6.2
Wholesale Trade	19.5	8.0	9.6	6.8	10.8	7.0
Retail Trade	9.8	10.6	10.0	9.7	9.1	9.2
FIRE *	5.3	5.4	4.4	6.2	5.0	7.7
Service	14.0	16.4	15.4	19.9	19.4	22.3
Government	12.2	14.0	15.6	15.7	18.0	15.8

* FIRE refers to the Finance, Investment and Real Estate industry

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